

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Tuesday Morning, July 28, 1868.
TO ADVERTISERS.
Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.
TO AGENTS.
Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply of papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will be made to this rule.
Dark Hours.
To all mortal beings, for some wise purpose, there are allotted many, many dark hours—when they feel inclined to abandon the best of enterprises; hours when their hearts' dearest hopes appear delusive; hours when they feel unequal to the burden, and when all their aspirations seem worthless. These dark hours are the common lot of humanity and none can claim exemption. But sad and depressing as they are, they oftentimes serve a beneficent purpose by proving whether we are the current coin or not. As man is but an epitome of nations theirs is the same lot; and we now as a people are surrounded by our dark hours. Struck down from a prosperity which at one time seemed to have no limit, to a condition which has certainly little to make it endurable, the people have become in some measure querulous, and inclined to be unjust to themselves and others. In such times the press is always most severely judged and most severely tried, for it is amidst the complicity and conflict of ideas most difficult to determine which is its exact line of duty. In allaying itself with the wants of the people of this Colony, with their sufferings and wrongs it cannot, however, go astray; and this paper, in seeking at times to do justice to the country, is never for a moment, as some may think, forgets its duties to the people, and never will. The injustice of its official martyrdom, by which its revenues are exhausted in supporting men who are not wanted, and in maintaining departments that are disgraceful; the cruelty of its Executive apathy by which its material interests are allowed to waste away; the injustice of looking up its agricultural and mineral lands by which they become valueless, or of restricting the actions of those who do attempt their development, with obligations which render them helpless; the short-sighted impositions upon our commerce—the irregularity of our mails; the neglect of education; these grave subjects and a score of other grievances which retard the return of prosperity have never been overlooked by for one moment. But the question is at present, what is the best policy to adopt so as to obtain the immediate relief required? This is a question affecting the interests of everyone. To remove our present irresponsible form of Government; to compel a change in the constitution of the Legislature, and to reduce the enormous official expenditure are the three first things to be done. Towards accomplishing this object the press in this Colony can only go so far—that is to take the lead in the discussion, and suggest such action as may eventually become conducive to the public good. If it goes further than this, its influence is lost by rising the cry of personal malice, vindictiveness and design. The crowning act of triumph must come from the people themselves through the means of public meetings. They cannot be accused of improper impulses, nor can their remonstrances be disregarded. Convinced of this, we have repeatedly urged a public meeting to discuss the points referred to, that such a remonstrance may be sent home as will compel attention in the proper quarter. For this purpose all parties can unite as friends engaged in the same good cause, for there can be no sectional difference upon the resolutions to be adopted. For this purpose we shall now work, and shall shirk no responsibility it involves.

The Saskatchewan Country.
The proposition emanating at first, we believe, from His Grace the Duke of Buckingham, and recently mentioned in this paper, of extending the boundaries of British Columbia to the other side of the Rocky Mountains, is to us of far greater import than it may at first appear. Few of us on this side the mountains have any adequate idea of the fertility of the land referred to; and still fewer recognize the absurdity of limiting the great gold parallels within the lines of Montana. The truth is, there can be no doubt the gold parallels intersect this Colony from one end to the other, cross the Rocky Mountains within our own possessions and traverse considerable of the Saskatchewan on their way north to Canada. A portion of that territory attached to this Colony would, therefore, be of immense value to us. It would be valuable for its agricultural capacity, and by drawing

attention to our mines as it gradually filled up with settlers. But the great advantage of such an addition would be the power it would give us hereafter in framing the terms of Confederation, or in completing any other scheme which may be carried out for the occupation of this incredibly rich territory. Whatever intention there is on the part of the Imperial Government to extend our boundaries in that direction should be at once ascertained, and nothing left undone to induce it to complete such intentions. The additional official expense to our already overburdened exchequer, would be trifling until the settlement of the great questions pending, or the plans for the future, which are to effect our destiny, develop themselves in the Dominion. The idea of Mr. Aytoun as to the extension of territory being injurious, is proved to be false by the success it has met with amongst our neighbors. It was the fallacy of such ideas which lost to us for ever the narrow seaboard stretching down from the former Russian possessions, and which some day will be injurious to our interests. Yet at one time that territory could have been obtained on the most reasonable terms. Nature intended it to belong to this colony, but it is lost by apathy and neglect. Circumstances in the future will make the land we now speak of as important to our interests and necessities, though from different reasons, as that on the seaboard would have been; but from the want of a vigorous administration of our affairs, we shall possibly lose it also. Most certainly something ought to be done to ascertain the precise intentions of the Home Government.

Worthy of Emulation.
Editor COLONIST—Nothing is more calculated to create so wide a breach between our business and working classes as when those in position, absent themselves from any festive or joyous occasion under the auspices of the former. It is, I regret to say, merging into a custom that social distinctions are drawn too fine in this our very small community, hence it often arises that petty jealousies exist between classes that ought not. At the picnic given by the Firemen on Saturday last, the Chief Justice did much to break down this custom, and to set an example to this class I allude to by his presence affability and long stay on the ground, he did much to enhance the pleasures of all. His Excellency the Governor paid a flying visit at a very late hour of the night, and then was only seen by a few. He might do much to endear himself to the people by lending his presence occasionally at such gatherings as last Saturday.

OBSERVER.
THE VARIATION OF THE COMPASS CORRECTED.—Owing to the number of accidents caused by the variation of the compass, especially now so much more iron is employed in shipbuilding, the attention of scientific men has been directed to the discovery of some plan by which these variations might be detected and the evil results avoided. A comparatively simple plan of ascertaining the error or amount of variation and deviation combined was devised and put in practice some time since. It consists in taking an ordinary compass card and erecting upon its centre, and perpendicular to its plane, a fine copper wire. At the time of the sun's meridian passage, as indicated by the noon observation for latitude, the direction of the shadow cast by the wire on the compass

card in this direction and that of the north and south line of the card will give the local attraction and variation combined. Small errors and many disadvantages are, however, found to attend this plan, owing to the uncertainty of obtaining the exact meridian altitude when the sun is partially obscured. To obviate this, a most ingenious instrument has been invented by Mr. Lovick, of the Royal British Navy. The instrument consists of a compass dial, needle, hour circle and latitude arc. The hour circle revolves, and is capable of being adjusted to the latitude, thus forming an ordinary time at ship.
The Royal Academy dinner has been held, Sir Francis Grant, the President, occupying the chair. Among the distinguished company present were the Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, Prince Teck, the Duke of Anhalt, and Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. The Prince of Wales, in acknowledging the toast of his health, spoke with emphasis of the impression made upon his mind by his visit to Ireland. 'I feel convinced,' said his Royal Highness, 'that the Irish people are loyal to the core, and he insists upon the soundness of his conviction, whatever may be said, either in this country or any other.' The Prince also thanked the country for the genuine outburst of kindly feeling which the attempt on the Duke of Edinburgh's life has everywhere evoked. The Duke of Cambridge spoke in praise of Sir Robert Napier and the Abyssinian force. The President was sanguine as to their being able to hold their next exhibition at Burlington House. He stated that the works sent for exhibition this year amounted to 3011 (the pictures alone numbering 2683); 1076 were accepted; but of these they could only, with the closest packing, find room for 896. One hundred and eighty pictures were, consequently, accepted but not exhibited. The Lord Chancellor returned thanks for Her Majesty's Ministers; the Archbishop of York for the Guests; Sir R. Marchmont for the Royal Society; and Mr. Froude for Literature.
To the Ladies.—Messrs J. H. Turner & Co., Government street, beg to inform the ladies of Victoria and vicinity, and the public in general, that they have made a great reduction in the price of the following goods: Ladies' Trimmed and Untrimmed Bonnets, Trimmed Hats, Leghorns and Straw, Black Silk Jackets, Dress Muslins, Grenadines and Summer Skirts.—LONDON HOUSE, VICTORIA B. C.

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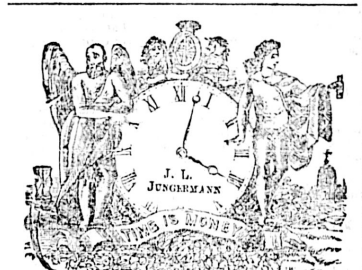
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NOTICE.
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NOTICE

THE RATES OF INTEREST ALLOWED

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the rates allowed on Deposit Receipts issued after this

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Schedule B.

GENERAL ABSTRACT Showing the average amount of the Liabilities and Assets within the Colony of

British Columbia, of the Bank of British North America, taken from the usual Weekly Statements during

the Quarter from 31st March, 1868 to 30th June, 1868.

LIABILITIES. AM'T. TOTALS.

Notes in circulation, not bearing interest.....\$134,975 00

Notes in circulation, bearing interest..... 41,227 18

Bills in circulation, not bearing interest..... 22,225 00

Bills in circulation, bearing interest..... 10,000 00

Deposits, not bearing interest..... 112,500 00

Deposits, bearing interest..... 415,301 03

Total amount of Liabilities.....\$665,541 47

ASSETS. AM'T. TOTALS.

Legal Tender Coin, in Gold and Silver.....\$187,500 00

Gold and Silver, in Bullion..... 41,227 18

Land and Property..... 22,225 00

Loans on other Banks and Branches, for..... 10,000 00

Amount of all Debts due to the Bank, including Notes, Bills of Exchange, and all Stock and Funded Debts of every description, excepting Notes, Bills and Balances due to the said Bank from other Banks..... 248,192 41

Total amount of Assets.....\$665,541 47

Amount of the Capital Stock paid up at the close of the quarter ended June 30, 1868.....\$500,000 00

Rate of the last Dividend declared to the Shareholders, with bonus of 12 1/2 per cent..... 9 3/4 p. cent.

Amount of the last Dividend declared, including bonus..... 225,000 00

Amount of the Reserved Profits at the time of declaring such dividend..... 740,000 00

Signed J. G. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Victoria, B. C., 30th June, 1868.

I, John Grant Shepherd, do hereby declare to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the foregoing abstract is a true and faithful account of the average amount of Assets and Liabilities within this Colony of the above Bank, during the period specified, and that the same was made up from the Weekly Statements thereof, kept in pursuance of the provisions of the "Banking Act, 1864."

Signed J. G. SHEPHERD, Manager.

Declared before me at Victoria, this 1st day of July, 1868.

(Signed) A. F. PEMBERTON, S. M.

C. F. BARNARD, M. D.

Mechanical & Surgical Dentist.

OFFICE:—Douglas street, first house on the right

South of Port street.

New Advertisements.

Scotch House.

THE BRITISH COLONIST.
Tuesday Morning, July 28, 1868.
Shipping Intelligence.
PORT OF VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA.
ENTERED.
July 27—Sch. Madilla, Wharton, Burrard Inlet
Slip Mystery, Robinson, Port Townsend
Star Isabel, Doreau, Burrard Inlet
Sch. Eliza, Middleton, Spanish
Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Sch. Discovery, Rudin, Naramo
CLEARED.
July 27—Isabel, Doreau, Burrard Inlet
Sch. Eliza, Middleton, Spanish
Star Enterprise, Swanson, New Westminster
Slip Ringleader, Bradley, San Juan
Sch. Discovery, Rudin, Cowichan

The Fire Inquest.
[Before the Stipendiary Magistrate yesterday.]

The additional information on the cause of the late distillery fire is now complete, as far as known. The Revs. Garrett and Somerville both saw the fire from the same point, and though they were not together, appeared to agree as to their being two fires in the building at first, while the additional evidence of Mr. Farrell seems to point the commencement of the fire to the chimney as first stated.

Rev T Somerville—Remember the night of the fire; was driving from Craigflower about 10 o'clock; immediately after passing Mr Wallace's house noticed a light bear the roof on the side opposite Victoria; thought it might be a fire; about two minutes afterwards, on reaching the bridge, also noticed fire in the corner next to Victoria; saw the fire in two places distinctly from the bridge, the first fire was in the middle of the building in the roof, but not near the chimney.

Cross-examined by Mr Copeland—Was near Booth's when I first saw the fire; was on the bridge when I saw the fire in two places, one reaching the foundry the whole building was in flames.

By the Bench—About ten minutes elapsed from the time of seeing the first fire to the time of getting to the foundry; the progress of the fire was very rapid.

Rev Mr Garrett—Remember the night of the fire; was returning from Esquimalt; was crossing the first bridge coming to Victoria from Esquimalt, when I first saw the fire reaching the other bridge the whole building was in flames; it could not be more than five minutes before the whole side of the building next the water was in flames; it was my impression at the time that the fire must have been burning for some time inside of the premises.

Mr Farrell—Was standing on Brodick's wharf in company with another man; when we first saw the fire, it was issuing through the chimney; thought it must be a fire from the white smoke coming out; waited a little, not wishing to make a false alarm; and was satisfied in a minute's time that the building was on fire; ran to the Hook and Ladder Engine House and gave the alarm; returned to the wharf in about five minutes, when the building was entirely enveloped in flames.

This completed the additional evidence, so far as obtained. It will now be taken as a Police Court matter to test the criminality or innocence of Jenner. In the absence of an explanation of his contradictory statements and singular conduct on the night of the fire, the Magistrate felt it his duty to remand him again for one week to enable the Police to extend their investigations.

THE IMPROVEMENTS AT ESQUIMALT.—The buildings being erected at Esquimalt by the Hudson Bay Company are progressing towards completion, and with the works being carried on by the Admiralty, (mentioned a short time since) are causing no little stir and speculation as to the future of the town and harbor of Esquimalt. A substantial wharf 110 feet long by 52 feet frontage, with 22 feet of low water, was being completed as being constructed with the warehouses. The warehouse, built substantially of stone, is almost finished, is two stories in height and measures 100 feet by 50. There is also in course of erection a frame building, intended for warehousing, 100 feet by 50 and two stories in height. The wood work is contracted for by Messrs Emery and Smith. The Company is constructing under the supervision of Dr Tozo, a large portion of the work by daily hire. There are about fifty hands

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.—The building committee of this church have awarded the contract for the erection of this new structure to Messrs. Haywood and Jamieson, of Langley street, from the plans of Mr H O Tiedemann. The building is to be of brick and the work will be commenced immediately; to-day the lines will be struck. It is to be of Gothic style of architecture, consisting of a nave and two side aisles, double groined arches, plastered interior and with a handsomely designed organ screen. The dimensions will be, length, 82ft. 10in. by 50ft. in width. The whole will cost something like \$10,000. A neat and handsome iron railing has been presented to the Trustees and only awaits, we believe, the order of shipment from Glasgow.

MAIL FOR KOOTENAY.—It is said to be the intention of the Government to dispatch a mail to Kootenay and intermediate places on the arrival of the California steamer. While on this subject we repeat the necessity for something being done with reference to the trail from Fort Shepherd to Wild Horse Creek. The good news from that section is being confirmed from other sources; and as the sum of \$2,000 only is required to open the country so as to secure the trade to ourselves, no apology can be accepted for it's not being done at once. Cannot a gentleman be spared from amongst so many of our official staff to inspect, at least, and report upon the road.

A serious minded woman says: Considering how many idiotic men there are in the world with whom good women have to live, it is a pleasure to good women that they should not be able to know an idiot when they see one.

POLICE COURT.—William Cameron charged with breaking a door belonging to a Chinaman valued at \$2 50; fined \$10 or in default of payment 14 days imprisonment. To Ka, a Kanaka, charged with stealing a quantity of oranges from the Margaret Brander, discharged. Two Fort Rupert Indians, a man and woman, charged with stealing blankets and other articles from a Fort Rupert Indian woman, of the value of \$70, were up under remand. The woman was discharged and the man again remanded.

WRECKS.—We are not alone in our experience of these calamities. There were last month no less than four wrecks on the Thames between London and Gravesend. Such a state of things is said to be quite modern and points to something being wrong somewhere.

The Governor held an Executive Council yesterday at the Public Office, James' Bay. The members present were the Hon. the Colonial Secretary, the Attorney-General, the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works and the Collector of Customs. The Council sat for two hours.

DESTRUCTIVE FLOOD.—Baltimore the capital of Maryland, has been the scene recently of a most destructive flood. Several millions worth of property have been destroyed, and the loss of life is above the usual average of such events.

THE CABLE.—One section (about two miles of the new line) of the cable has been laid between Sidney and James Islands under considerable difficulties, arising from the tide rips and strong currents of the San Juan archipelago.

A MEETING OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL LIFE BOAT INSTITUTION.—The meeting, at the house, John street, Adelphi—The Duke of Northumberland in the chair. Mr Richard Lewis, the secretary, having read the minutes of the previous meeting, the sum of £7 10s. was voted to pay the expenses of the life boat of the institution at Withernsea in going off and bringing ashore, through a very heavy sea, the crews of nine of two Withernsea fishing boats; £10 7s. 6d. to the crew of the institution's life boat at Cromer for putting off, on the 9th ult., during a heavy north east gale, and rescuing the crew of five men of the brigantine Argenta, of Lowestoft, which was wrecked opposite Cromer gangway; £8 10s. to the crew of the life boat at Blakeney for going off, during a strong north east gale, and saving the crew of three men of the sloop Richard, of Goole, which had stranded on the west sand; £8 8s. to the crew of the Ayr life boat for putting off, on the 29th ult., and saving the crew of five men of the schooner John C. Wade, of Newry, which, during a heavy north west gale, had stranded of Troon Harbour; and £4 10s. to the crew of the institution's life boat at Moele, for going off, during a strong easterly wind, and rescuing two men from the smack Cymro, of Culwch, which was wrecked in Moele Bay on the 8th ult. The life boats of the institution stationed at Barmouth, Pakefield, and Howth had assisted to bring the following vessels and their crews safely into harbour:—Schooner Dasher, of Amble, four; brigantine Douglas, of Guernsey, seven; and the brig Arran, of Irvine, eight. Rewards were granted to the crews of the life boats of the institution at Hunstanton, Wexford, Worthing, Aberswith, Campbellton, and Mullion for various services to distressed vessels during the recent gales. Various other rewards were granted to the crews of different shore boats for saving life from shipwrecks on our coasts. Payments amounting to nearly £1500 were ordered to be made on various life boat establishments. A benevolent lady has given the institution the cost of the Lowestoft life boat through Miss Prince and Mrs Pilgrim, of Brixton. It was also reported that legacies had recently been bequeathed to the institution by the late Mr Felix Gladstone, of London, £200; the late Mr L. S. Fyde, of Rutland, £100; the late Mr George Berger, of Newcastle street, Strand, £10 10s; and £20 by the late Mr Edward Davies, of the same street. It was reported that the institution had sent new life boats during the past month to Broadstairs, Kent; and Penmon, Anglesea. Reports were read from Capt. Ward, R. N., the inspector, and Capt. D. Robertson, R. N., the assistant inspector, of life boats to the institution, on their recent visits to the coast. The Duke of

OUR CONVICT ESTABLISHMENTS ABROAD.—are situated at Gibraltar, New South Wales, Tasmania and Western Australia. The Imperial establishment at Gibraltar provides accommodation for 300 convicts, at a total cost of £14,435, of which £7240 is spent in superintendence, £890 in religious instruction, £845 in medical treatment, £3700 in victualling convicts and officers, £536 in escort and conveyance of officers and convicts, £428 in fuel and light, and the rest in miscellaneous expenses. The Colonial establishment at New South Wales provides for the lodgment of ninety-five convicts, most of whom are invalids or lunatics, at a cost of £2741. Tasmania accommodated 863 convicts, 279 of whom are chargeable to Colonial funds; and the total cost of maintenance, salaries, wages and allowances, amounts to £36,544, from which, however, the estimated produce of a farm, amounting to £2080, is deducted. The colony of Western Australia now has in keeping 1450 convicts; the cost of salaries, wages and allowances amounts to £22,180, and £2054 are required for clothing and bedding. £22,474 for military establishments, £13,003 in aid of the colonial magistracy, police and jails, and £1305 for pay of and gratuities to convicts. Military prisoners are maintained in New Zealand at a cost of £173; and a summary of the above statistics shows that our convict establishments in the colonies keep in durance a total of 2708 persons at a cost of £152,891. It should be remarked that repayments are made amounting altogether to £11,763, which will in future be carried to the credit of the Exchequer.

AUCTION.—J. Brunn & Co. will dispose of their entire stock of Custom-made Clothing, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods Hats and Caps, together with the Store Shelves, Counters, Glass Show Cases, &c., and a large Fire Proof Safe, at auction, prices to suit everybody.—J. BRUNN & Co., corner Yates and Langley streets.

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SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST
LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

Eastern States.
New York, July 22.—The new Pacific Mail steamer America was launched to-day.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—The President to-day signed the Tax Bill, accompanied by a protest, which was filed with the bill.

The President has nominated H. Sinton Postmaster for San Francisco.

The Reconstruction Committee added Virginia to the bill providing a provisional government for Texas.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—Later.—In the Senate Wilson introduced a bill providing for a more effective provisional government of Mississippi.

The bill to facilitate the establishment of lines of steamers from New York to Europe was amended by providing that the subsidy paid by the Postal Department should not exceed \$600,000 annually it was then passed.

The Senate then took up the bill to protect the rights of Americans abroad. Buckalew's amendment adopted, that it shall be the duty of the President to exercise all his powers under the Constitution and laws for the protection of American citizens abroad, and to report to Congress any case in which justice is denied to citizens of the United States.

Howard offered an amendment, which was adopted, that the President may suspend diplomatic intercourse with any government doing injustice to American citizens abroad.

In the House, the Senate's concurrent resolution to adjourn on Monday next to the third Monday in September was adopted by 85 to 69.

BUFFALO, July 23.—The Fenian Congress held a secret session in this city to-day. Representatives from all parts of the country were present. The doors were guarded by armed sentinels.

BALTIMORE, July 24.—A tremendous rain has been falling since this morning. A portion of the city has been entirely flooded. The Maryland Institute is surrounded by a sheet of rushing water, which is carrying hogsheads, bales of hay, etc. with it. The first floors of stores on Frederick and Harrison streets are under water and the merchants are compelled to remove their goods to the upper stories. The river has been rising at the rate of two inches per minute since one o'clock. Several streets have been converted into rushing torrents. City passenger cars have been swept from the track on Gay down to Harrison streets, with numbers of passengers on board; seven persons are reported drowned. Numbers of drivers and dray horses are reported drowned. There is no communication to be had between the eastern and western portions of the city. The flood is sweeping everything before it. No communication south by telegraph. No such flood has ever been known here before.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—A committee of conference was ordered on the bill to provide an American line of steamers from New York to Europe. Banks, from committee of Conference on the Alaska bill, reported a section declaring the right of the House to intervene in treaties, was struck out and the following clause substituted: Whereas said stipulation cannot be carried into effect except by legislation, to which the consent of both Houses is necessary.

BALTIMORE, July 25.—The flood subsided at four o'clock yesterday as rapidly as it came. Damages cannot be clearly approximated; they are estimated at not less than three millions. Elliott's granite mill was swept away and 60 persons drowned. Dr Owen's entire family, except himself, were drowned.

New York, July 25.—There was a tremendous rain here last night; the cellars along the river are flooded. Considerable damage

CHARLESTON, July 25.—General Canby has issued an order committing the State Government entirely into the hands of the civil authorities.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The treaty with China was considered for nine hours, and finally ratified with amendments.

It is believed the Sandwich Island treaty will not be ratified.

The Senate has agreed to the report of the conference committee on the Alaska Appropriation Bill.

Mexico.
New York, July 23.—A letter from the city of Mexico says the leading papers intimate that a coalition between European Powers and the United States is being discussed, the object being to develop Mexico and sell to the United States.

South America.
Panama advises state that the revolution is making no headway, as it is supported only by instigators. A decree is issued ordering an increase of the State militia to 1,348. The draft in Panama is suspended.

Bogota, July 5th.—Congress had adjourned. Gen. Satna Cortina has been appointed Minister to the United States.

Europe.
LONDON, July 24.—A telegram from Madrid says Spain intends making St John and Porto Rico free ports, if the British West India Company's steamers will call there instead of at St Thomas.

The House of Commons considered the Bribery Bill. Mr Fawcett moved to rein-

sert the clauses providing that election expenses be paid by local rates and not by candidates.
Mr Disraeli opposed this as giving no guarantee to the ratepayers, since the election expenses would be caused by the improper candidacy of political adventurers. The motion was rejected and bill passed.

China and Japan.
Dates from Macao, China, to 12th July say the entire royal army have abandoned the attempt to take Tienkien and marched off in a southerly direction.

Important news has been received from Japan. The Mikado had proclaimed a new edict against the Christians. The civil war continued. The party of the Dhogoon was gaining strength. It is reported that Stots-pashi has an army of 200,000 (assisted by seven vessels of war, and is seriously menacing Yeddo. The natives are throwing every obstruction in the way to prevent foreigners buying lands therein according to the terms of the treaty stipulation.

California.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Legal Tenders, 70@70½.
Gold opened in New York at 142½; closed at 143½.

Cleared—Steamer Continental, Portland, and will sail to-morrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—Commodore James reported to this city by the Golden Age that Commodore Alden is to relieve Rear Admiral Craven of the command of the U S Navy yard at Mare Island; Rear Admiral Craven being ordered to the command of the North Pacific squadron. The steamer John L Stephens arrived here to-day at noon.

Arrived, July 24th—British ship Moneta, from Victoria; bark Monitor, Port Ludlow.

Arrived, July 25th—Ship Helios, Seattle. Cleared—Bark Free Trader, Victoria and Port Townsend.

Sailed, July 24th—Bark Ba-na Vieta, Port Gamble; bark Glympe, Port Discovery.

Second Dispatch.

Eastern States.
BOSTON, July 25.—The destruction of life and property was great; thirty houses were swept away, some containing whole families, many of whom were drowned. The Granite Cotton Mills, Bedford street, the walls of which were twenty feet thick and which cost \$160,000, is a total ruin.

Oregon.
SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Steamer Active arrived this morning.

LOVE LABORS AT DETROIT.—And this puts me in mind of what a lovely time the detectives had the other day, in capturing, as they thought, a couple who had eloped hence to Europe on the 23rd of May, and, it was said, concluded to return at once, full of remorse. The parties to this elopement were Colonel Edward Gebhard, recently Assistant Commissary-General of this State under Governor Fenton, not yet twenty-two, a gay, dashing lawyer of this city, and Mrs A. R. T. Nichols, the wife of a broker here in Wall street, and a woman with some \$200,000 in her own right. Gebhard has a wife and family that he forsook, just as Mrs Nichols has a husband and family whom she abandoned. The two families were intimate, but Mrs Gebhard grew jealous of her husband's attentions to Mrs Nichols, and dropped her acquaintance. Mr Nichols was told that there must be something wrong, and hurrying down from his villa at Bridgeport, Connecticut, discovered exactly how his wife had deceived him. He learned that his wife's baggage had gone aboard the steamer Schmidt, which was to leave that day for Bremen. A detective saw the guilty couple get into a carriage and drive off. He jumped into another and followed, but the fugitives had the fleetest team, and after dodging through narrow streets, gave him the slip. Worse than this, the steamer was detained off in the Havre steamer, at noon, the pursuers gave up the chase. Then a violent storm came on, and when the steamer got down the Bay she had to anchor until next morning. All this the detective learned just too late. He went down the Bay next morning, bright and early, but was only in time, when off the light-ship, to see the smoke of the Schmidt away beyond Sandy Hook, dimming the horizon. On board of the distant vessel was Colonel Gebhard and Mrs L. B. Mitchell. The lady had employed Gebhard to turn into cash some \$50,000 in United States Bonds, before she departed, so that the couple

Bremen was supposed to have met them at Bremen on the 8th June, when the Schmidt arrived out and a return telegram stated that they had re-embarked for New York in another steamer on the 9th June and might be expected on Monday the 21st. On Tuesday, the steamer did arrive, but she had put ashore at Fort Hamilton a young couple under suspicious circumstances. Down to Fort Hamilton went the detective. He traced the couple to this city and to the Boston boat. They only went to Bristol, Rhode Island, however, and thence to the seashore at Newport. Now he had them sure! He got to Newport Tuesday night, hunted up their hotel, and discovered they had gone to roost. This was no time for ceremony, so he knocked at their chamber door, and when it was opened he rushed in. Alas! he had followed the wrong couple. The really culpable ones had altered their minds and were probably enjoying themselves in London, having had a nice chance to see the Derby, and since that to go to Ascot and view the race among the court and nobility. The detective was vexed to death; but there was no help for it. He had to apologize and vanish. Gebhard will no doubt turn Mrs Nichols adrift as soon as he obtains all her money. He is that kind of man. In the meantime Mr Nichols is heart broken. He has applied for a divorce. He says he cares nothing for her money, but he grieves at the wretched end he sees in store for her.

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